

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

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Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, I hereby veto House Bill 2165.

This bill had good intentions of which I agree. Present law provides for fines for the parents and guardians of habitually truant students. In cases in which a parent or guardian can show they are unable to compel attendance of a truant child, the child may be placed in a state juvenile training institution. This bill would allow a court with juvenile jurisdiction in a county over 500,000 to order the detention of a truant child in the appropriate juvenile facility for not more than one day or if the truancy is habitual not more than three days. I personally find no problem with this. However the Criminal Justice Division administers and receives federal funds under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Last year \$3,797,000 in fiscal 1979 for the funding of projects throughout the state. It is estimated that the Criminal Justice Division will receive \$1,739,000 for fiscal 1980. This bill is in direct conflict with the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, and will make Texas ineligible for the receipt of federal funds under the Act. Therefore, I have no choice but to veto House Bill 2165.

Respectfully,

W. P. Clements, Jr.
William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor



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